

Common Course Outline
ANTH 201
Globalization in Cross Cultural Perspective
3 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

ANTH 201- 3 credits - Globalization in Cross Cultural Perspective explores the cultural, political and economic effects of globalization. Course work introduces students to anthropological theories of globalization and to a global perspective on issues such as environmental sustainability, health, poverty, and warfare. Through analysis of international writing and mass media, this course will explore the effects of globalization on traditional cultures and on conceptions of personal and national identity. Discussions and projects in this course are drawn from Africa, the Americas, Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

3 credits; 3 lecture hours per week

Prerequisite: ANTH 101, SOCL 101, PSYC 101 or POLS 111

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. describe the cultural, political and economic effects of globalization and the historical roots of globalization from the 16th century to the present;
2. describe the major theoretical approaches to the study of globalization in the discipline of anthropology;
3. differentiate the cultural, economic, political and technological forces that create globalization;
4. appraise the effects of globalization on industrialized societies as well as on traditional preindustrial cultures;
5. interpret mass media, Internet sites and texts produced in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Europe and the Middle East for evidence of non-American perspectives on global issues;
6. analyze the connection between globalization and current health issues such as emerging diseases, pandemics, and access to care;
7. explain the effect of globalization on traditional cultural values, religion, ideology, national and personal identity and race, class and gender roles;
8. appraise the relationship between globalization and economic development including the way that globalization contributes to both poverty and economic improvement;
9. formulate conclusions about the relationship between globalized cultural, political and economic interactions and the problems of warfare, terrorism and the collapse of national governments;

10. assess the relationship between the international movements of people and changing demographic patterns in countries worldwide;
11. describe social movements connected to globalization including the anti-globalization movement, global civil society organizations, and the global human rights movement;
12. discuss the methodological challenges associated with studying globalization anthropologically; and
13. interpret the impact of globalization on case study societies in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Europe and the Middle East.

Major Topics

- I. History of globalization
- II. Anthropological theories of globalization
- III. Cultural globalization
- IV. Economic globalization
- V. Political globalization
- VI. Global health issues
- VII. Global conflict and violence
- VIII. Social movements
- IX. Global civil society
- X. Research methodologies

Course Requirements

Students are required to use appropriate academic resources.

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

1. At least one exam with a writing component (short-answer or essay)
2. Written assignments equivalent to 10 pages of writing to include original research and analysis of a global issue, response(s) to non-American media, and other papers on designated subjects.
3. At least one assignment evaluating Internet publications (blog, wiki, online discussion).
4. At least one oral presentation of 5 minutes in length
5. Collaborative work in class such as film analysis and case study exercises